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In re Application of :
Xavier Hugon et al :
Application No. 10/516,461 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 3, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. :
62819(4590-353)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 14, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed July 26, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three (3) month extension of time was obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 27, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 30, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the required reply in the form of a request for continued examination, \$790 filing fee, and submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114, (2) the petition fee of \$1,500, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the failure to timely reply to the final Office action of July 26, 2006 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2874 for processing the request for continued examination and for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 received May 14, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

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